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# THE TURPENTINE **WOODS** AND MEN

One of Florida's Biggest Money-Making Industries.

HOW THE GUM IS SECURED

From Pine Tree to Market, Via the Distillery-The Colored Man's Part.

some people talk about the business, and ask questions about how t'e spirits and day. rosin is obtained, where consumed and what for, etc. It is also amusing to read their way into print.

Notwithstanding the fact that the turpentine (navalastores) business is, and to have anything like a correct idea of how crude turpedtine is secured, how manufactured how the manufactured product is disposed of, or for what pur

They will tell you that every three or four weeks a "nigger" is sent around to every one of those "notches," and with a "big iron spoon" he scrapes out the gum that has accumulated in those "notches," puts it in a big wooden bucket, empties the bucket into a big barrel until it is full, then in another barrel, and so on, until all the "notches" are cleaned out. They describe the entire business, from beginning to end, but their discription gives no one an intelligent under standing of the business, and often dose the turpentine operators a great injustice

HOW IT IS DONE. The turpentine (naval stores) man buys or leases his timber for a given price per acre, or per thousand. If by the acre of course the more densley timturpentine privilege, but if by the thousand, it matters not so much whether the land is densly or sparsly timbered. Some have, and the cost to the operator is in the land.

The operator puts men (usuany ne groes) in the woods during the winter months, and with long narrow axes, made for the purpose and known as turpentine box axes, they box (not "notch") the timber. The pine treeswill bear from one to four or five boxss to the tree, but two boxes is a very fair average for the average Florida pine tree. These boxes are not what would ordinarially be termed boxes, but "pockets" might seem to be a more appropriate name for them, though they are called "boxes" throughout turpentinedom. The "pockets," or "boxes" where the tree is date. One cent is due on each letter. large enough to bear it, are usually from 6 to 7 inches deep, from 31/2 to 4 inches in the back, and 12 to 13 inches across the face. Few men who are not acquainted with the business would know what is meant by these dimensions, and we are frank to confess that a word explanation is a difficult task, but the turpentine hand readily understand it. When he is told by the foreman that he Simmons, Robert Walker, Jonnie Whit- Stockton will certainly increase his vote must cut a 61/2, 31/2 and 13 inch box, he ker. understands that the box must be 61/2 inches deep down toward the root of the tree from where the axe enters; the opening must be 31/2 inches from the bark on the tree in toward the center, and 13 inches across, or around on the outside of sistant manager, is the place to stop the tree. He understands that the box is the tree. He understands that the box is to be bowl shared or bollowed out so to be bowl-shaped, or hollowed out so that it will hold about a quart of "gum." business center. Mr. Campbell is of Waldo, Alachua county, and it will afshape the box, but many of them will ford him pleasure to treat nicely people fail to do it right if the inspector will Jacksonville. allow them to do so. When one is told by the inspector to "stump ont" a box good fare and polite attention at reasonhe understands that he is wanted to do able cost, inquire for the "Travelers' Hothe cutting next to the sap of the tree, and not go in so far toward the center, which Mr. Hancock is also proprietor. and when the boxes are thus properly cut they do not injure the timber as

badly as some believe they do. From 11/4 to 11/4 cent each is the price ering an area of from 125 to 200 acresis a full "crop," and a good chipper can chip a crop in from 4 to 5 days, and gen-

doing it. The chipping (called by some "scratching,") is done with a tool called a hack, and is made for the purpos . Chipping means the putting of a resh "streak" directly over e c'i box once a week. By the "streak" is meant the cutting of the sap of the tree about one inch deep and about one-half inch up the tree, so that the cut can be kept fresh and bleeding, or running as the turpentine men say

Where the timber is good for turpentine 3 or 4 of these once-a week streaks will cause the tree to bleed enough to fill the box below, and then with a flat ron shaped to fit the box, and called a inrpentine dipper, the boxes are emptied, the gum put into barrels of about 50 gallons capacity; hauled to the distillery and To one who was born and raisad in converted into spirits of turpentlne and a turpentine country, and knows the bus- rosin. For this dipping the hands are

From a well filled barrel of crude gum can be extracted from 12 to 13 gallons meeting A most interesting program, in some descriptions of turpentine farms, of spirits of turpentine, which leaves about which many of the leading educators of work, too's, etc, that sometimes find a commercial barrel (280 lbs ) of rosin. the United States will participate, has

there are many grades. The two finest is being shown in the matter. Atlanta has been for the last past several years and window glass) and cannot be made one of Florida's leading industries, there except from "virgin gum—that produced South" never fails to meet her obligaare comparatively few men in the State the first year after the boxes are cut—and tions. Members of the reception comtoday—aside from those who are in some the efficiency and care of the man who mittee, W. M. Slaton, Prin. Boys' High schools and colleges will be accorded way engaged in the business—who seem runs the distiller has much to do with School chairman, will meet every train. runs the disti'lery has much to do with grades of rosin made.

two or three to four or five years. In bouses will give reduced rates the Carolinas and Georgia they have been

about all the pine timber in the country grades of rosin is bringing a fancy price. lanta, and on December 30, for all points ville, Fla. by cutting immense "notches" in the Turpentine men are making money, within 300 miles. Tickets limited to trees, and then having "niggers" to go but there are only a few people who January 3, 1904, to reach original starting to every one of those "notches" once understand anything about the trials and point. The shortest and quickest route every week and "scratch" a streak there expense they have to encounter. Timber is via Georgia Southern and Florida Railcausing the tree to bleed itself to death. and supplies are up in price, labor is way, especially for those leaving Lake Some have declared that the trees all fall very unreliable, and many other difficul- City for Atlanta. Schedule, leaves Jackdown and die, because of the "notches" ties confront the turpentine men. They sonville at 7:45 a. m., and 7:50 p. m; cut in them, every time the wind blows. are usually a big-hearted, liberal set of Lake City, 8:55 a. m., and 8:34 p. m. They don't seem to think that felling the men and our own knowledge of the busi- (from Gainesville via G. & G. to Samptrees and sawing them into lumber is one ness enables us to know that the busi- son City). Fare from Jacksonville, half as destructive to them as is cutting ness is not understood by the average \$10.10; from Lake City, \$9 those "notches," and bleeding the trees civizen, and its bad effect on timber is Programs and any further info reatly exaggerated.

## HOLLOWAY IN PALATKA

#### What the Palatka News Has to Say of Him as a Candidate.

The l'alatka News in speaking of the p ditical meeting held in that city last Vednesday night, has the following to av of Prof. Holloway:

"Prof. W. M. Holloway of Gainesille, candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction was next introduced. But the hour was late and many of the audience had the "put me in my little bed" fever. Many encousaged the feeling and went home. They missed something. Prof. Holloway is a man who tinued: "I never saw Stockton in my knows how to get his andience good na- life, until a few nights ago. I was on a bered the land is the cheaper comes his tured and keep them so. He told of the hot times he had been having in his home county with his opponent, Supt. Sheats, and it was funny. Then he recited in acres may have more than ten times as brief his autobiography in a modest manmuch timber on them as some others ner, and showed something of his accomplishments. He also showed why he Jacksonville, and wished some one would proportion to the amount of timber on thought Mr. Sheats had outlived his official usefulness. Mr. Holloway was brief. He had respect for his audience's tired feeling and his own throat, which had got raspy from overtalking in Alachua. Buf he caught the people, and they saw he was constructed of the right material hundreds of warm supporters here and will gain more."

## Advertised Letters.

List of unclained letters in the postending Dec. a12, 1903. Persons calling for same should say advertised and give

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Respectfully, W. C. HAGUE.

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#### Will Be Profitable Meeting-Secretary or Manager will Give Information.

To teachers and school officers of Flor- E. Tomkies, of this city. ida, and their friends: The fourteenth December 30, 1903 to January 1, 1904.

Rosin sells according to its grade, and been prepared. Unusual enthusiasm The Piedmont Hotel has been selected as In Florida the boxes are usually worked headquarters, but all hotels and boarding

the Carolinas and Georgia they have been worked as many as twenty years, and pines are often re-boxed, which is called back-boxing, and then virgin gum is attempt to talk on will tell you that the turpentine operators have destroyed about all the pine timber in the country and the pine timber in the country of the Carolinas and Georgia they have been worked as many as twenty years, and pines are often re-boxed, which is called back-boxing, and then virgin gum is secured again.

Railroad Rates: The railroads will sell round-trip tickets from all coupon stations in the State, at the price of one fare, plus 25 ceuts, plus 26 for membership fee. Tickets will be on sale December 29, for all points over 300 miles from Atsenger Agent, Tampa, Fla.: Frank C. Boylston, Commercial Agent, Jackson-ville Rei Railroad Rates: The railroads will sell

will be gladly furnished upon application to E. P. Burns, Sec of Local Committee,

or to the undersigned. CLEM HAMPTON, State Mngr. So. Ed. Ass. for Fla. Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 10, 1903.

### [State papers will please copy]. HE IS FOR STOCKTON.

Lakeland Man's Reasons for Favor-

ing Stockton At the Duval Hotel in Jacksonville last Saturday night one gentleman was heard to say to another, "Who do you favor for Senator?" "Stockton," was the ready answer, and then the Stockton man contrain coming to Jacksonville, and on the train was a man who seemed to be intoxicated. He was telling the passengers about a letter he had received that brought to him great sorrow-he seemed all broken up-said he was on his way to assist him from the train when it arrived there, and help him to get out to the

would take care of him.'

"About the time he made the request the train arrived at Palatka, and a man whom I afterwards learned was Jno. N. C. for a good state superintendent. He has Stockton, got on. The poor fellow went over with his troubles to Mr. Stockton, and again said he wished some body would assist him from the train when it a few days with relatives and friends. arrived in Jacksonville, and Mr. Stockton said "I'll belp you, I'll see that you carriage." And he did; I watched them; when the train stood still in the union depot John Stockton took that fellow by the arm, assisted him through the crowd at the depot, put him in a carriage, and instructed the driver where to carry him to his friends. As that candidate for the United States Senate was helping that poor, distressed unfortunate into that carriage. I resolved to cast my vote for Jno. N. C. Stockton, and do all I can for C. L. W. Jones, J. W. Smith, Robert him. I live in Lakeland, and that act of in that section."

## Death of a Good Lady.

Capt J. A. King of Orange Heights, returned to his home Sunday from his former home, at Kings Ferry, where he sis last Friday.

The sad news of the death came to Mr. King in a telegram, and until he received from his home county when they go to the news of her death he thought she was as well as usual.

The good lady was stricken without warning, and never spoke after her loved ones gathered about her, and she lived but a short while.

The death was a sad blow to Mr. King and several other children of the deceased who now reside in Florida, and the Star extends sympathy to the bereaved

# The STAR is \$1 a Year.

#### MR. M'CUEN'S FUNERAL. Conducted at Baptist Church Sunday -Masonic Honors.

The remains of Mr. E. B. McCuen, an account of whose sad death at St. Luke's Hospital, Jacksonville, appeared in Filday's Star, arrived in this city via the Seaboard Air Line railroad Saturday, and were laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery Repair Work a Specialty.

The funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church, Rev. J. B. Holley was minister and Robt. McClellan funeral of the deceased were present. Of near relatives he leaves to mourn his sad death a step mother, Mrs. Lillie McCuen, and half sister, Mrs. J. H. Walker, in Santa P. O. Box 434, Fe, New Mexico, and a sister, Mrs. F.

After the services at the church the reiness from A to Z, it is amusing to hear paid from 30 to 40 cents a barrel, and a meeting of the Southern Educational Asgood dipper can dip from 3 to 5 barrels a sociation will be held in Atlanta, Ga., of F. A. M. Lodge No. 41, of which he was a member, and the burial was with This promises to be a very profitable the honors peculiar to the Masonic order.

#### A. C. L. Holiday Rates.

Holiday rates via Atlantic Coast Line. The Atlantic Coast Line announce the rate of one and one-third fares plus 25 grades are W. W. and W. G. (water white and window glass) and cannot be made except from "virgin gum—that produced the first year after the boxes are cut—and the first year after the first year after the first year after the boxes are cut—and the first year after the first year afte 16-22, inclusive, with return limit January 8, 1904, upon presentation of certifi-cate signed by superintendents, princi-pals or presidents. All information cheer-fully furnished.

Try Fagan's market for best meats. Rev. Vandiah Ellis of Alachua was in Denton. the city yesterday.

J. F. Whetston of Mikesville is transacting business in the city. Mr. and Mrs W. C Hague were in the

city yesterday from Hague

Mrs. O. L. York of Arredondo shopping in Gainesville yesterday. J. L. Medlin of Meridith was a busi-

ness visitor to Gainesville yesterday. C. C. Rawls of Montbrook was transacting business in the city Saturday.

Attorney Chris Matheson made a professional visit to Arredondo yesterday. H. W. Tomkins, a leading citizen of Micanopy, was transacting business here

vesterday. R. S. Bradley of Wacahoota and D. T. English of Tacoma were shopping in the

city Saturday. Mr. and Mrs L. C. Gracy and children of High Springs, were shopping in the

city Saturday. W. J. Mathews, a prominent farmer citizen of Donnie, was among yesterday's

visitors to the city.

Mrs. Millie Dozier of Jacksonville was the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Denton, the first of the week.

citizens of Rochelle, was in Gainesville on business yesterday. Judge J. T. Stokes and ex-Justice L. J.

home of some friends, whom he said Knight were in the city yesterday from their homes at LaCrosse. C. V. McQueen, a prominent citizen of

> the West End, was in the city yesterday from his home at Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bryan left yester-

day for Micanopy, where they will spend Mrs. Robinson and daughters, of

Rhode Island, arrived in the city a few office at Gainesville, Fla., for the week get off all right, and I'll help you to a days ago, and will spend the winter here. Mrs. Dr. Flake left Sunday evening for Archer, where she will visit her children and grand children for a week or more.

M. G. Knight and F. B. Atwater, two of High Springs' enterprising citizens, were among the visitors to the city yes-

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work. For Sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gaines-ville, and the Postoffice Drug Store and J. A. Stephens, High Springs, Fla.

M. W. Wooding, acting route agent for the Southern Express Company, has returned from an extended visit to Havana, Cuba.

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping purposes, 15 cts. a hundred or 25 for 5 cts., at THE STAR officer. G. W. Easterlin and A. E. Summers, two prominent business men of High

city yesterday. If you want money to buy or build a home, pay off mortgage, or contrct fora profitable investment see Movers.

Springs, were transacting business in the

F. B. Simonton, Micanopy; W. G. kinds of Country Pro-Richardson, Tacoma, and Jno. V. Denton, duce. Lake View, were among the shoppers in the city Saturday.

If it is job printing you want just send your order to the Star. It will have prompt attention, and work and prices will suit you. Rev. J. B. Holley is getting out his Southern Baptist under very great disadvantages this week. The type is having

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T. I. Weeks, Santa Fe; N. J. Walton, Wacahoota; J. E Fugate, Alachua; W. Lock, Fannin, and H. M. Moran, Campville, were among the business visitors to the city yesterday.

We hope our readers will read both the displayed and "local reader" advertisements in the Star, and give our advertising patrons a call. By so doing they will oblige us, our patrons, and themselves.

C. H. Crisman of Micanopy, and E. B. Godwin of High Springs, are authorized to take subscriptions and collect for the same for The Star. See them about it.

Capt. Jno. F. Jackson, one of the most and who owns large property interests in Levy county, was in the city yesterday and last night from his home at Bronson. Bring us your cotton, and price our goods. If you can do better elsewhere than with us, no harm done, but give us a trial. G. W. Easterlin & Co., High Springs, Fla.

B. B. McCaa, traveling auditor for the S. A. L. railroad, was in the city Saturday from his home in Jacksonville. While here he was the guest of the family of his brother-in-law, Capt. H. C.

If your hair is becoming thin try Giddings Unparalleled Hair Grower. For sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug and J. A. Stephens, Store, High Springs.

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Mr. G. H. Stewart of Nashville, Tenu., a boiler maker and sheet fron worker by profession, has started up in business in this city, and will make a specialty of repair work. Any one in need of his services will do well to confer with him. See his advertisement in this paper.

Gifts that are beautiful, useful and lasting are the ones that will most please your family or your friends. Just drop in our jewelry department and examine our "Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen," it is a gift of never ending usefulness. L. C. Smith.

Lodge No 41, F. & A. M., has accepted an invitation to attend-in a bodyworship at the Methodist church Sunday night, December 27, at which time the Jno. R. Zetrouer, one of the leading pastor, Rev. W. J. Carpenter, who is also a member of the lodge, is expected to de-liver an able, earnest and interesting ser-

The first thing to be done, when you start out shopping for Christmas goods, is to secure a good pair of easy wearing, comfortable fitting and stylish looking shoes, in which the longer you walk the longer you'll want to walk. Such shoes can always be found in our shoe department. L. C. Smith.

Many Gainesville people, not only Methodists but other denominations also, are real glad that Rev. W. J. Carpenter has been returned to Gainesville for another year, and sorry that the removal of the Florida Christiad Advocate from this city to Tallahassee has caused Rev. L. W. Moore to be no longer its editor, which may result in his leaving this city.

> "Count the days till Christmas, The time is drawing near-The time of friendly giving To all we hold most dear, Of gifts and friendly greeting, Well wishers every where, And tokens of remembrance Removing every care." "We gently call attention

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